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Ms. Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary
Ontario Energy Board
27-2300 Yonge Street
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Dear Ms. Walli:

**Re: EPCOR Natural Gas Limited Partnership (“ENGLP”) Southern Bruce Project
EB-2018-0263 Leave to Construct Application
Condition of Approval #4 – Stage 3 Archeological Assessment – The McCurdy Site**

Pursuant to the Board's Condition of Approval #4 of the Leave to Construct Conditions of Approval at Schedule B of its Decision and Order dated July 11, 2019, enclosed is the clearance letter from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (Ministry) dated September 18, 2019 confirming that the fieldwork and reporting for the Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment are consistent with the Ministry's 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and the terms and conditions for archaeological licences.

Two paper copies will be filed with the Board.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Cooney", is located below the "Sincerely," text. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Sep 18, 2019

Peter Popkin (P362)
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RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment: The McCurdy Site (BbHh-11), Southern Bruce Natural Gas Pipeline Project, Part of Lot 5, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Elderslie, now Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Bruce County, Ontario", Dated Aug 2, 2019, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Sep 17, 2019, MTCS Project Information Form Number P362-0258-2019, MTCS File Number 0010930

Dear Dr. Popkin:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report, which has been submitted to this ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18.¹ This review has been carried out in order to determine whether the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their licence, that the licensee assessed the property and documented archaeological resources using a process that accords with the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* set by the ministry, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations are consistent with the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.

The report documents the assessment of the McCurdy site (BbHh-11) as depicted in Figures 1 and 8 and of the above titled report and recommends the following:

As 80% of the artifact assemblage does not represent a period of use that dates to before 1870, the site does not retain further cultural heritage value or interest as per Section 3.4 of the MTCS' 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011). Therefore, in accordance with Section 7.9.4 Standard 5 of the MTCS' 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011), it has been determined that the cultural heritage value or interest of the McCurdy site (BbHh-11) has been sufficiently documented and Stage 4 mitigation of impacts is not required for the site.

The MTCS is asked to review the results presented and accept this report into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.

Based on the information contained in the report, the ministry is satisfied that the fieldwork and reporting for

the archaeological assessment are consistent with the ministry's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* and the terms and conditions for archaeological licences. This report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. Please note that the ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of reports in the register.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrea Williams
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Andres Zumbado,EPCOR Utilities
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¹ *In no way will the ministry be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result: (a) if the Report(s) or its recommendations are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent; or (b) from the issuance of this letter. Further measures may need to be taken in the event that additional artifacts or archaeological sites are identified or the Report(s) is otherwise found to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.*